

PROCESSING DATA PACKETS IN A MULTIPLE PROTOCOL  
SYSTEM AREA NETWORK

5     ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Processing a data packet in a multiple protocol system area network is disclosed. A paddle card comprising a first paddle card that supports a first communication protocol or a second paddle card that supports a second communication protocol is received. The communication protocol supported by the received paddle card is identified. Data packets from the received paddle card are processed according to the identified communication protocol.

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